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## **News Nuggets – Macomb County News Highlights**

### **Wireless Macomb vendor selected**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners selected MICA Net as the vendor for the Wireless Macomb Project and approved a demonstration of the technology at the Bath City Festival in downtown Mount Clemens.

MICA Net of Southfield was approved by the County Board on Thursday, Aug. 17, after a review of proposals submitted to the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, the county's partner in Phase 1 of the wireless project. The Mount Clemens City Commission also must concur with the selection of MICA Net.

Phase 1 will provide free broadband wireless Internet access in downtown Mount Clemens. The technology will be on display Aug. 25 and 26 during the Bath City Festival in a tent at the northwest corner of Walnut Street and Macomb Place. A WiFi hot spot also will be available downtown during the festival.

The first phase is expected to be complete by the end of 2006. Work will then begin on Phase 2 – the remaining portion of Mount Clemens. Phase 3 will make wireless Internet access available throughout Macomb County.

### **County Board votes to extend CARE House agreement**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday, Aug. 17, to extend its agreement with CARE House to provide services to abused children.

At a cost of \$25,000, the renewed agreement provides many services, including investigative and forensic specialists for victims of abuse, crisis intervention, and consultations with local law enforcement agencies.

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Under the agreement, CARE House also will be Macomb County's representative to the Michigan Children's Trust Fund Organization.

Care House provides services for up to 300 families per year. The contract extension is effective Oct. 1, 2006, and runs until Sept. 30, 2007.

### **Macomb County Administration Building to add parking**

Visitors to the Macomb County Administration Building will soon have an easier time finding a parking spot. The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday, Aug. 17, to name a contractor to build the additional spaces on land acquired by the county last year.

John Carlo Inc., the low bidder, was awarded the contract for \$503,000.

The new lot adds 115 parking spaces, including four handicapped spaces, on the site of the former Bell Fork Lift building immediately south of the existing Administration Building parking lot.

The project is expected to be completed sometime this fall.

### **Senior swing dances to continue at Freedom Hill**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday, Aug. 17, to fund senior swing dances at Freedom Hill County Park for the remainder of 2006.

The vote approved \$5,000 to be spent on the dances, which take place twice a month. About 150 seniors attend the dances.

Requested by Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman James Perna, who also serves as chair of the Senior Swing Society, the funds will be used to pay for a singer and a band, which costs about \$500 per dance.

County commissioners also stipulated that Perna also suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission may start charging seniors \$2 per person next year to help curb some of the costs to the county.

### **Assistant prosecutors get new contract**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners ratified a new three-year contract with the 59 assistant prosecuting attorneys represented by UAW Local 412. The new pact replaces a contract that expired Dec. 31, 2004.

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The new contract calls for 2.5 percent wage increases for 2005, 2006 and 2007, which are fully retroactive except for the period Jan. 1 to March 31, 2006, which is partially retroactive. The contract includes health benefit concessions such as higher employee deductibles and co-pays.

The new contract runs through Dec. 31, 2007.

#### **Board fills vacancy on Veterans Affairs Burial Commission**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners reappointed George Helen to the Veterans Affairs Burial Commission of Macomb County.

The vote on Thursday, Aug. 17, confirmed Helen to a four-year term to expire July 31, 2010.

Helen, a resident of Warren, is retired from the University of Michigan where he worked as an electronics technician.

#### **Board re-appoints Brownfield Redevelopment Authority members**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday, Aug. 17, to re-appoint David Scurto, Dean Olgiati and Dan Langley to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Scurto, of Clinton Township, works for Anderson & Hamilton Associates as a consultant, Olgiati, of Clinton Township, is the owner of Luigi's Restaurant in Harrison Township and Langley, a resident of Clinton Township, is retired from Ford Motor Co.

Their terms will last from Oct. 1, 2006 to Sept. 30, 2009.

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